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MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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Today the Board of Supervisors acknowledges the benefits breastfeeding has for our society through lower health care costs for infants, stronger family bonds, and a decrease in production and consumer waste. We proclaim August 1-7, 2011 as "World Breastfeeding Week" and the month of August as "Breastfeeding Awareness Month." Providing only human milk in the early months of a child's life can significantly decrease their risk of many serious conditions including asthma, diabetes and childhood obesity. Breastfeeding is a low-cost, preventive practice with far-reaching benefits for both mothers and babies.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Proclaim the week of August 1-7, 2011 as "World Breastfeeding Week" and the Month of August as "Breastfeeding Awareness Month";
- 2) Encourage all hospitals in Los Angeles County to achieve the Baby-Friendly designation by adopting the "10 Steps to Successful Breastfeeding for Hospitals," as outlined by UNICEF/WHO and recommended by the 2011 Surgeon General's Call to Action to Support Breastfeeding;
- 3) Encourage all County employees to communicate the important role breastfeeding plays in the health of mothers, children, and the community; and
- 4) Encourage all employers, including the County, to adopt workplace lactation accommodation policies in accordance with California Labor Code §1030-3 and federal Statute FLSA § 7(r) (as amended by the Affordable Care Act);

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